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Crum Road Bridge
Walkersville
Public

C. 1880

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Crum Road Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Crum Road over Israel's Creek

CITY/TOWN

Walkersville

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CODE

24

COUNTY

Frederick

CODE

021

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME The Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland
c/o William Fout, Roads Department Engineer

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall

CITY/TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Frederick County Roads Department (Bridge #2605)

CITY/TOWN

Montevue Lane

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Engineering Record

DATE

Summer, 1977

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service

CITY/TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C. 20240

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		industrial archeology

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT King Iron Bridge Company(?)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original patent for the bow string arch truss bridge was first registered in 1840 and was a popular structure until the late 19th century.

However, the Crum Road Bridge may be an example of Zenas King's patented Tubular Arch Bridge, a very popular design of the King Iron Bridge and Manufacturing Company, who probably constructed this bridge in the 1870's. Even in the heyday of iron truss bridges, bow string arch bridges were a rarity as evidenced by this quote from James Waddell's The Designing of Ordinary Iron Highway Bridges in reference to Pratt & Whipple Trusses: "at least ninety percent of all American iron highway bridges are built on these systems."¹

There are some forty iron truss bridges still in existence in Frederick County, Maryland. But with increasing development in the area many of these will have to be destroyed because of additional tonnage requirements demanded of highway structures. Since iron truss bridges portray an important step in bridge engineering design it is imperative that some examples such as the Crum Road Bridge remain in the American landscape.

¹ James A. L. Waddell, The Designing of Ordinary Iron Highway Bridges (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1891-5th ed.), p. IV.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 112' x 50'

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

7 km

NAME - TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

January 19, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall; 12 East Church Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 663-8300

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL ____

STATE ____

LOCAL ____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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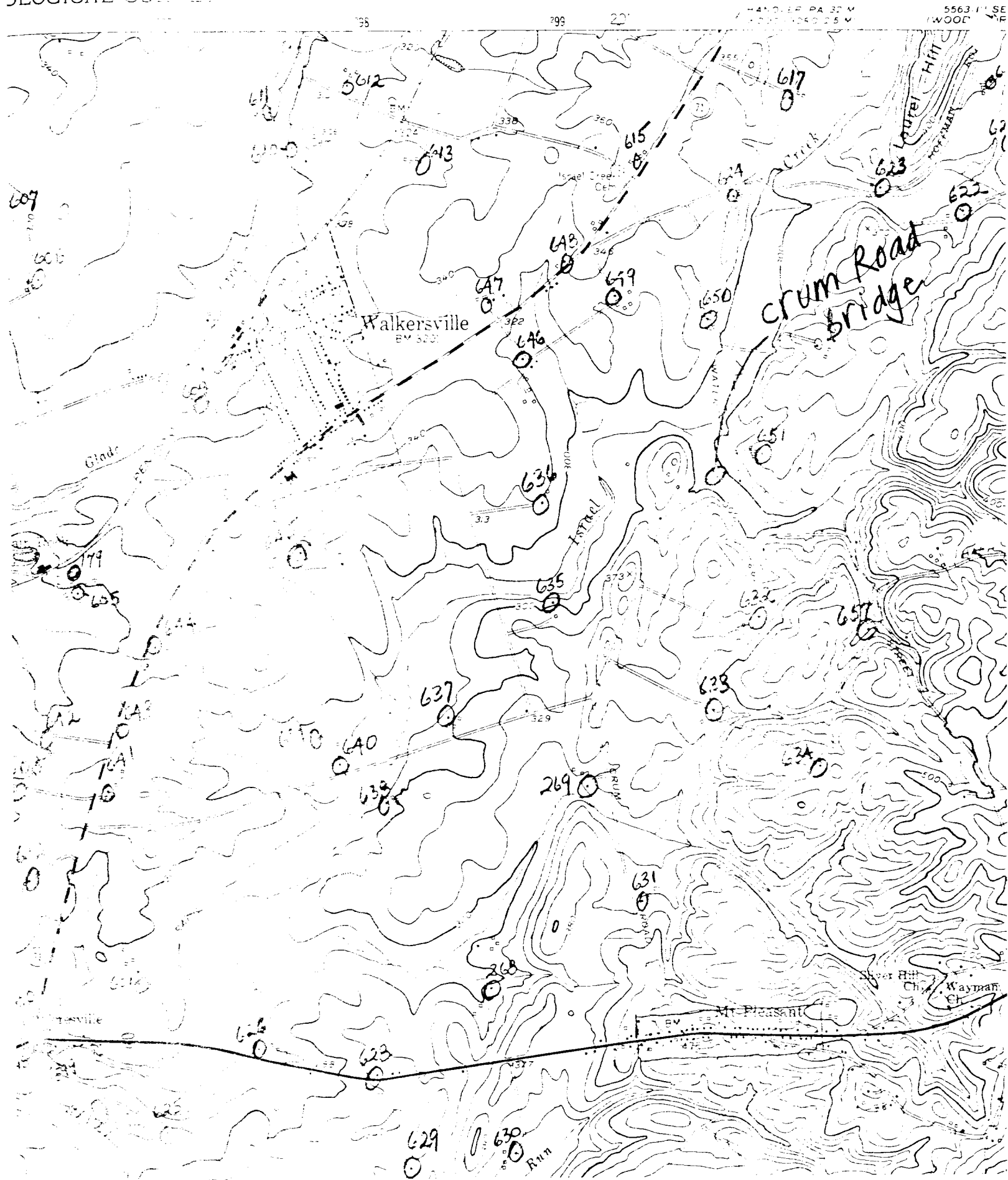
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Crum Rd Bridge

Crum Rd over Israel's Creek

North Approach

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